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## Editors' Table.

IT will be observed that this issue of the UNDERGRADUATE is somewhat late in appearing, but owing to the absence of a part of the editorial board the delay could not well be avoided.

ONE thing which is very ungratifying to us as editors of the UNDERGRADUATE is, that scarcely an article is handed in except from the editors or those trying for positions on the editorial board; this by no means ought to be the case. Students of other colleges who have occasion to read our paper are fully justified in considering its articles as representing fairly well the literary ability of the student body.

What is a college paper for if not to show, in the best way possible, the work of the college as a whole? Things have taken a queer stand when students of Middlebury College do not think enough of their paper to contribute a few articles during the year. It is hoped that these thoughts may be borne in mind and acted upon accordingly.

ON account of the increase in size of the present Junior class over the one of last year, it will be necessary to make different arrangements for the Junior exhibition, which will be given on the last night of the term. The plan which will probably be adopted is to have all the members of the class write articles from which ten shall be selected by an impartial committee, to be delivered on the stage that evening. This is a new scheme in our college, but it is hoped that it will work well and to the satisfation of all.

A CHANGE in regard to rhetoricals has recently been made. The subjects are now announced before the orations are delivered, all of the Seniors being required to write upon the same topic. This compels the speaker to confine himself more closely to one particular point, and as a result the production is much more lucid than it would have been under the old method, when the student could write on any general theme. And then, too, the fact that the subjects are announced creates a greater interest among the students as a whole, who can understand much better and appreciate what is being said. This, by all means, seems to be a change for the better, as it makes the orations more interesting and instructive.

COLLEGE spirit, however subtly it may work, however boisterous it may be, is a neccessary feature to the life of a college. Whether it lies dormant or makes itself visible, it is nevertheless true that it must exist. It is a true indicator of the healthful condition of a college and almost as neccessary to its well-being as are efficient instructors. Not only does it give tone to a college, but it is the only means by which the students, as a body, can be drawn together. It is college spirit which changes defeat into victory; and, when defeat comes, it is college spirit which bears up under it. It arouses

within one such a love for his Alma Mater as can nothing else. It gives to one a higher regard for college life. It teaches him that there is a something, a kind of enthusiasm which unites students as no other power is able. But it is a lamentable fact that Middlebury students have not shown, do not show that spirit, which they should. That it exists, though in a latent form, was plainly evidenced by the applause given to a speaker on the chapel stage, who chose college spirit for a theme, and also by the support given the foot ball eleven in their last game. This is the attention which ought to be shown toward the Glee club and ball nine. With a hearty college spirit behind an organization, it is sure to succeed. Let us then endeavor to arouse this spirit, and we will not fail if we are true to our organizations, our college and ourselves.

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IT is much to be regretted that a larger number of the students, who have heretofore been boarding at the college boarding hall, are seeking other places and give no reasons whatever for their leaving. The cause cannot possibly be the quality of the board, because it in every way equals, if not surpasses, that of last year. It might be well right here to ask the question, "For what was the boarding hall built and why was it thus named Starr boarding hall"?

It was built for the students and the money was contributed by men, not college graduates, by the way, but those personally interested in the college. It seems strange that the fellows do not fully realize how well they have been treated. They, by all means, ought to return to the hall, if for nothing more than to show that they appreciate past favors.

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THERE is an account is a western college paper of a series of debates being carried on in that college. Now would not something of the kind prove a source of good to the students of Middlebury? It is true that the number of her students is small, but this is one thing in favor of such an enterprise. The orations which we are obliged to write and deliver are thought by some to be sufficient in this line, but if these same students should stop to consider they would soon see their mistake. Middlebury is deficient in extemporaneous speakers. When her students shall have overstepped the bounds of college life, it will not be their orations, written and committed to memory, which shall have most weight, but rather their ability to stand upon their feet and treat the current issues smoothly and clearly. One may say that this end can be accomplished by encouraging topical recitations, but in this case there is but one advantage, while in a debating club the help derived is two-fold; First, that of speaking smoothly and to the point; secondly, the important questions of the time are brought before the minds of the students.

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## THE PURITAN MINISTER.

ABSTRACT OF PROF. HOWARD'S ADDRESS AT THE FOREFATHERS' CELEBRATION.

"Puritanism is older than the Emancipation proclamation; older than the Declaration of Independence; older than that solemn landing on the lonesome shore of Plymouth bay. It is older than the reign of Elizabeth and antedates the Reformation two hundred years. It goes far back to the dim old days when Wycliff gave a Bible to the waiting world and the lean and haggard Lollards paced with solemn steps the ways of England. And older, too, if we seek the root of the matter; for Puritanism is grounded in the Anglo-Saxon character and came to England when the world was young witn those old pilgrims from the German woods. Individual independence was always the fundamental principle of the Teutonic character. Their chiefs gained their leadership, not with a club, but by the suffrage of the people. They believed themselves to have all descended from the gods, and kings were made, not born. And all along the tangled way the English race has fought, stern-eyed, white faced, for liberty. Wycliff was the voice of one crying in the wilderness, so that when the Reformation really came it found a fruitful soil in England. There was the genius of the people whose birthright was individual liberty. There was the memory of recent contests for civil rights and the traditions of the race. There was a devout and thoughtful people with an open Bible and a sober faith. The Reformation came, and in that great epoch the minds of men expanded into a grander and a truer life. Religion was the central idea of the age, and the thought of all men who thought at all took on the lift of high and holy themes. The Bible, as never before, became the testament of God. It was read in public and great crowds flocked to hear the wonders of the revelation. It was read in private and became the talisman of

the fireside. It was in an age without a literature, and the Bible became the fountain of philosopy to the rugged minds of men who thought, while the imagery of the Hebrew scriptures filled their meagre lives with a beauty never known before. In that strange atmosphere, where God and heaven and hell and the immortal soul were the all-absorbing themes, men's minds took on a sober manner and their speech a solemn tone. Then Bloody Mary came and filled all England with the ashes of the saints. And so some went to heaven and some to Switzerland; and life in merry England had long since ceased to be a holiday. But when the persecution was over and the joy bells were ringing for Elizabeth the refugees returned from Geneva and brought with them the sterner creed of Calvin and a faith that never failed. Elizabeth was a Protestant, but nonconformity was treason; and it was in her reign that the English Puritan became a recognized element in English politics. . . . . There are times peculiar—times of one idea; times when only one weapon can be forged upon the anvil of the world; times when men can think of only one thing, and one sentence beats its endless repetition in all men's minds. Such a time followed the Protestant Reformation. The unseen world hung so close about them that the world they lived in became the shadow only of the world to come. The Reformation in England, where individual responsibility was inbred in the people; made religion not a national issue only, but a matter of vital interest and supreme consequence to every man and woman in the land; and personal religion became the subject that filled all men's thoughts and was upon all men's tongues. . . . These were the things that made the Puritans and sent the Pilgrims across the sea. But the prophets of that era, the martyrs of that creed and the priests of that faith were the Puritan ministers. . . . Their education—for many of them were university men—gave to New England the inestimable advantage of a generous start in learning and a fearlessness of universal education that has been productive of untold blessings to the whole wide world."

The speaker then reviewed in detail the achievements of the leading Puritan divines of the early day. He spoke in particular of the unjust accusations made against them and of the misconceptions of them that exist even in our own time. Concluding, he said:

"While the Puritans built New England and New England built the nation, the Puritan ministers were the moulders of the whole. If whatever is dark in our history is to be laid to their charge, so whatever is grand and good is to be placed to their credit. They were naturally and necessarily aggressive. Their aggressiveness was the natural result of the opposition that drove them from their native land and made them to some extent the spiritual autocrats of their people. Like all men driven into a corner, they made that corner their battle ground and temple. They prayed with their backs to the wall. They were eminently intellectual men—logicians and thinkers. They were men who had opinions and who knew why they had them. They understood the value of the major and the minor premise. They were the philosophers of the Old Testament. It seems, perhaps, a strange thing to say, but they were above all else religious men; and though in after years their religion may have been more that of Moses than of St. John, though Sinai overshadowed Bethlehem, and they read from the tables of stone and forgot the sermon on the mount, yet they were servants of God and priests of the Most High. They were not perfect, but take them for all in all, we may not see their like again. And what they were themselves—strong in mind, dignified in manner, clear in speech, resolute in purpose, pure in life and true and brave of heart—such they made their people.

"The time has not yet come when we need to blush for our Puritan ancestry. Puritan brain devised and Puritan muscle built for us in every sleeping valley, on every wind swept hill, the proudest monument of our greatness, the strongest fortress of our power, the school house, bare and brown, out of whose fostering arms have gone masters of the noble art of worthy living—men and women crowned with grander honors than ever slept in parchment rolls or spoke in titles and degrees. The Puritan brain and the Puritan instinct and the Puritan school house of New England have been her glory and her shield. They made it possible for the little, low-roofed farm house that clung upon her hills to become the birth-place of kings and queens. They lighted upon a thousand hearthstones those kindly fires of thought and culture whose glowing in the darkness made all New England glisten like a constellation in a northern night. Puritan New England nursed her children on a rugged bosom and their lullaby was the hoarse winds of

winter and the cry of breakers on the shore; but she fed them milk that made them men. Men and women, wearied with the hardest and most menial tasks, bent beneath the burden of poverty and toil, wore upon their heads the invisible crown of an intellectual king ship and carried in their calloused hands the sceptre of a realm unseen. On the farm and in the kitchen, behind the plow and at the wheel, walked back and forth with weary feet their narrow round of toil kings consecrated by a mightier than a human hand and queens who never saw a crown.

"From the iron will of our Pilgrim sires came that Yankee grit that tore out the forests by the roots, that swept the hills and made the valleys clean, that built cabins in the wilderness, that fought with winter for the fruit of summer toil, that bound the mountain torrent to a wheel and tied a compass to a western plow; that pluck that flashed in rifle shots all down the road to Lexington; that nerve that quivered in iron fingers clutching silent muskets behind the rails at Bunker Hill, that thundered at Bennington and stormed at Saratoga; that grit that caught rifle ball sin its bosom at Fredericksburgh and gnawed its bloodless lips at Andersonville and starved in Libby prison. If these things are Puritanical, then in God's name may Puritanism never die. If our fathers were ever narrow, they shall have our pity; if they were ever cruel, they shall have our sorrow and regret; but if they were brave and strong and honest, if they were true to God, their country and themselves, they shall have our love and honor. And it shall not be forgotten of those strong and sturdy souls, the Puritan ministers, that they made New England and left behind them a temple with an open door—unfettered faith, the peace of God."

# Alumni Department.

[*At a meeting of the Associated Alumni, Commencement, '91, it was unanimously resolved: "That we heartily endorse* THE UNDERGRADUATE *and warmly recommend it to the Alumni as a valuable means for furthering our common interests in the college and our interests in each other." We respectfully solicit your subscriptions and contributions. Class-histories, reminiscences, obituaries, biographies, literary articles, and papers upon current topics are always in order and desired.*]

## CLASS OF 1868.

The Freshman class of September, 1864, included some who did not graduate.

Hyde, always popular, who afterwards died in Rockford, Ill., left Middlebury during his Sophomore year. He was the son of a Congregational clergyman.

Douglass neither entered nor graduated with our class. During his membership the class enjoyed his literary efforts, sometimes employed in getting out "rams".

Albee Smith dropped out of the class to go into business in Minneapolis, where he was successful. His brother, Abner Smith, of the class of 1866, has become one of the noted jurists of Chicago and shares with his classmate, J. S. Grinnell, popular respect and confidence. Albee Smith, tall and slender, with blue eyes and bushy brown hair, seemed designed for art and oratory rather than for business.

The loss of Hyde, Douglass and Smith was deplored, and socially Hyde and Smith could not be replaced in the estimation of their classmates.

Flagg was with us a short time Freshman year, but afterwards became prominently identified with a later class.

The class gained two war heroes, E. H. Higley, the brilliant cavalry officer whose bravery on the field of battle brought him to a Confederate prison, where he suffered all the horrors of filth and sickness. As he used to express it, "no inmate of a Confederate prison would be captured alive. Instant death on the field of battle was preferable to suffering in prison."

O. D. Scott, equally brave, lost his leg from a wound received in battle while showing his company how to defy the charge of the enemy. Both Higley and Scott were strong men and added greatly to the class of 1868. Both were thorough students, ambitious and qualified by natural gifts to successfully attain their respective purposes.

Higley is known to Middlebury as a college professor and Greek scholar of distinction, and Scott is the senior member of one of the most prosperous law firms in Arkansas. Within a few years Scott has been the candidate of his party for the high office of chief judge of the highest court of his State.

Both Higley and Scott were extremely popular with their classmates and never flinched in their devotion to all matters of class interest.

In the fall of 1865, when '68 assaulted the room in Starr hall where '69 were enjoying their class supper, pistols were used by '69 men, and the real bullets passing from the door into the hall had no terrors for old '68.

Higley and Scott showed their classmates how to be cool under fire, and today there can be shown a screw-driver with one of these bullets driven into the handle. The screw-driver on that famous night was in the hand of one of the veterans of '68 when it was struck by a bullet discharged from one of the pistols fired by a member of the class of '69.

Percival W. Clement, now of Rutland, joined the class of 1868 for a short time and then went to Trinity college. Clement was not with the class long enough to become one of us, although duly appreciated for all the merits which have enabled him to take a front rank among the successful business men of New England.

N. Z. Graves, bereft by war of his North Carolina patrimony, came to '68 as a welcome messenger of peace. Youthful at his entrance into college, like all good boys he gained knowledge fast and graduated with honors fully equipped by experience to battle with the world. Graves taught successfully after graduation, then prospered as a business man at Reading, Pennsylvania, struck New York city just before the panic of 1873 and with his faithful Southern financiers stood his losses without complaint or failure, and afterwards married the southern lady of his early choice and went into the varnish business at Philadelphia with Charles C. Phillips, whose business he subsequently developed, until today his company with ample resources and blocks of city real estate is well known both for quality and amount of production among the great varnish and paint industries of the United States.

All the other members of '68 entered and graduated with their class.

Bell, Burke and Rowley, all Middlebury boys, had close relations with the town and perhaps for that reason did not become so close to us; but all of them were true and loyal. Bell has won an enviable position in St. Paul.

Collins in his quiet way never told all he knew and was only thoroughly appreciated by his classmates who knew him best.

Alfred Higley enjoyed with content the glory of his distinguished brothers, which he might have equalled.

Jones, of wonderful memory and endurance, in another country and age might have founded a sect and established a monastery. The simplicity of his habits left him free to burn midnight oil in tireless study.

Phillips and A. D. Whitney, both teachers and each older than the average of his class, were Americans who knew how to earn their way without sacrifice of their college education.

The two Waughs with ample inheritances came from Missouri and lived and dressed well. No class celebration was complete without them.

And last comes J. F. Whitney, consecrated to his sense of duty and proud of the sacrifice. "Old J. F"., as we used to call him, was not the friend of tradesmen and would have scorned a full-dress suit. But in the line of his duty, both in college and since in his missionary duties, no one ever found him wanting in earnestness or courage.

'68 lost Hyde, Douglass, Smith and Flagg and gained Higley and Scott. It was born in the dark hours of the civil war, celebrated every northern victory, mourned over every northern defeat, grieved in anguish at the assassination of Lincoln and attended the funeral of Senator Solomon Foote.

'68 withstood the sophomore rebellion of the fall of '64 which resulted in breaking up the class of 1867 and was followed by the retirement of the honored and beloved President Labaree.

'68 passed some of its years when Middlebury had no president and when Professor Parker as senior professor discharged the duties of that office.

Our tutor was Brainerd, then as popular and deserving as tutor as he is now as president of the college.

In those long past days the recollection of Professors Parker, Robbins, Albee and Kellogg linger affectionately with the memory of our classmates.

GEO. W. ELLIS.

# Obituary.

'42. **Rollin D. H. Allen.**

Deacon Rollin D. H. Allen died at his home, near the Terryville station, Conn., Dec. 19. For several years he had been in ill health and about two weeks ago he contracted a cold which developed into pneumonia, which was the immediate cause of his death.

Deacon Allen was nearly 72 years of age. He was born in Middlebury, Vt., January 10, 1821, and was graduated from the college in his native town. He taught school in the old academy in Cromwell, then known as Upper Middletown, and studied theology in

New Haven. He entered the ministry of the Congregational church, but on account of poor health was obliged to abandon his chosen profession. He then resumed the work of a teacher in New York State. Mr. Allen moved to Tarryville in 1851, and after teaching school for a time became bookkeeper and confidental secretary in the office of James Terry, one of the founders of the Terryville lock business. At the organization of the Eagle Lock company in 1854, Mr. Allen was one of the incorporators and the first treasurer. In 1860, with Andrew Terry and O. D. Hunter, the foundry concern of Andrew Terry & Co. was formed and the financial management was intrusted to Mr. Allen, who was secretary and treasurer of this corporation for fifteen years. In 1875 he again entered the Eagle Lock company as president and financial manager, and remained a director of that concern until his death, being the only surviving member of the Eagle Lock company's first board of directors.

He was also a director of the firm of Andrew Terry & Co. and the Bristol National bank, besides trustee of the Bristol Savings bank, the estate of James Terry and a large stockholder in manufacturing enterprises in the State. For more than forty years Mr. Allen had been a most respected resident of the town of Plymouth, which he has represented in the legislatures of 1854 and 1878.

Mr. Allen gave generously, though quietly, to the poor and distressed, and was a true Christian gentleman. He was a great student and lover of nature, and since his retirement from business in 1877 has largely led a student's life among his books.

## '65. George Z. Erwin.

Geo. Z. Erwin, a prominent citizen and a worthy representative of his Alma Mater and since 1885 a member of the board of trustees, died Tuesday, Jan. 16, at his house in Potsdam, N.Y., after a long illness. A more extended obituary will appear in next issue.

## '68. Dr. W. W. Waugh.

Dr. W. W. Waugh, a prominent citizen of Belleville, Ill., died Monday, January 8, at the residence of George Rawson, with whom he lived. His death was the indirect result of a stroke of paralysis which he suffered several months ago. It was reported at one time that he had recovered, but it appears that the effects of the stroke were permanent. Dr. Waugh was a single man about 50 years of age. He was a son of the late James Waugh, who built up the Waugh works, now a steel plant, and operated it with success during his life. After the death of their father, Dr. Waugh and his brothers, Robt. F. and James Waugh, operated the mill until a few years ago, when a stock company, in which they were interested, obtained control of the plant. Dr. Waugh's brother, James C., graduated in the same class.

# Personals.

[*The editor of this department appreciates the fact that it is one of special interest to the alumni. But as they are widely scattered and many are unknown to him, he asks them to send to the Undergraduate from time to time whatever items they may come in possession of and thus aid in making this department what the alumni desire it to be and what the editors endeavor to make it.*]

'40. J. S. Grinnell is attorney for Chicago City Railway Co.

'48. The February UNDERGRADUATE will contain a very interesting article on "Pride of Ancestry," written by Prof. R. E. Maranville, Milford, Deleware.

'71. In another column may be found an abstract of Prof. Howard's address given in the Congregational church on the anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims.

'74. C. C. Gove received an A. M. degree from Hobart College, Geneva, N. Y., last June.

'81. Dr. Parker, a member of the Medical Board in "Johns Hopkins," is spending a few days in town.

'81. Rev. James L. Barton has been chosen president of Euphrates College at Harpoot, Turkey, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of President C. H. Wheeler.

'82. H. Olin Cady, who has been a missionary in West China for the past seven years, has lately returned to his home in East Middlebury. He will remain in this country about a year, during which time he will give illustrated lectures on China and the Chinese.

'82. Edwin Oliver has moved to Springfield, Mass., from Cleveland, Ohio. He is still in the employ of the same bicycle company, but his work now is mostly in the East.

'89. Louis Austin has a professorship at the University of Wisconsin.

'90. Henry Goddard spent a few days the first of the month at his home in Ludlow.

'90. W. H. Button argued a case in the Supreme court at Montpelier, Vt., the first of the month.

'90. Miss Harriette Bolton will pass the winter in Boston with her sister, Mrs. A. C. Peck.

'90. Lucretius Ross is teaching school in Columbia, Miss.

'90. G. M. Groves is attending the Chicago Law school.

'90. B. W. Sherman is attorney for a large Building and Loan association in Chicago.

'90. Pearson has lately been appointed assistant district attorney for Chicago with a salary of $4000 per year.

'91. Ira E. Pinney is teaching in Reading, Vt.

'91. D. G. Reilly, who has been engaged in the insurance business in Middlebury for the past few months, returned recently to Burlington to resume his study in the Medical college.

'92. Alexander Macdonald is having good success as principal of the High school at St. Regis Falls, N. Y.

'92. Miss Annah Sheldon was forced by sickness to suspend her teaching in Black River academy for a short time before the holidays. Miss Dunshee, '93. supplied the vacancy.

'93. E. R. Sturtevant of Wesleyan University spent the holidays visiting friends in town.

'93. P. G. Ross recently made a short visit at college on his way home from northern New York.

'93. Louis Taylor is attending the New York Law school. He is in the same class with McNaboe, '92.

'93. Geo. Hasseltine is for the present teaching at Bristol in place of his father, who was taken sick a short time ago.

'93. C. E. Hesselgrave read a paper at the teachers' institute in Bristol, entitled "The Personality of the Teacher."

'93. Miss Emma Dorsey, who has a position as teacher in Vermont Episcopal Institute, spent the holiday vacation in town.

'93. B. F. Wynne has given up his office in Chicago and accepted a position in the law office of U. S. Senator Spooner of Madison, Wisconsin. He will also attend the University of Wisconsin Law school.

# Communications.

To the Editors of the Undergraduate:

All who are connected with the college have just reason for being ashamed of the manner in which the students have conducted their business transactions for the last few years. There is scarcely an organization of students in college which is free from debts and which could not have escaped these if those who had charge of affairs had fulfilled their duties. When an organization gives a person an office, it is with the understanding that he will fulfil the duties of that office to the best of his ability. It is very evident that our officers have oftentimes either failed to do this or else their abilities are of a very poor quality. At any rate, it appears to one observing the state of affairs at present as if there had been much carelessness and not a little laziness shown. This is surely a state of affairs which ought never to have been, and it causes us much shame to think that students of this college should have set us such an example. We who are here now ought to be careful and leave behind us nothing of the sort which may cause future students trouble on account of our carelesness.

To the Editors of the Undergraduate:

Within the last two years the endowment of our college has been increased by over two hundred thousand dollars. From the fact that only the interest on this amount can be used from year to year, we cannot expect any great expenditures, but there is one way in which the college must be improved.

Our greatest need at present is a new gymnasium, but not necessarily an expensive one. Nearly every American student today is interested in athletics to a certain extent, and, other things being equal, he will prefer a college where base ball, foot ball and such sports are encouraged. The best way of fostering athletics is to provide a good gymnasium. The one which we have at present is objectionable in many ways, but the most important is lack of room. The ball players, while training, are in constant fear of breaking the windows or hurting some one ascending the stairs. The horizontal bar is in such a position as to interfere greatly with the use of the chest weights. Not more than eight, or ten men at the most, can train at a time. The excellence of our

former athletic teams is surprising considering their facilities for training.

Now we students do not ask for a costly gymnasium, one that will compare with those of much larger colleges, but one in which thirty or forty men can practise conveniently and with safety. '95.

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To the Editors of the Undergraduate:

Quite a number of times during last term a notice appeared on the bulletin board stating that certain periodicals had been taken from the reading room, and asking that they might be immediately returned. It appears strange that the students do not realize the value and proper use of a reading room, and that they do not understand that there are others in college who have an equal right to the use of its papers.

The reading-room committee, which is appointed at the beginning of every college year. and whose duty it is to bring the papers from the office and keep the room in order, is not entirely responsible; but every student who has access to its papers ought to feel it a personal duty to keep the room neat and everything in its proper place.

There is also a tendency among some of the students to use it as a place for smoking and loafing. Can it be that these do not realize that we have ladies in college who care to read the papers, and to whom such is offensive? It is hoped that the faculty may take the question in hand and lay down stricter rules. When this is done, the students will derive a greater benefit and the room will present a much better appearance.

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## THOUGHTS.

It is wonderful how many beauties of nature can pass utterly unnoticed in the rush and hurry of modern life. John Burroughs says, "The bird must be in your mind before you can see it in the bush." The same is true of all our natural phenomena. How many noticed the unspeakable grandeur of the view from the campus after our first snow storm? The sun just breaking through the banks of clouds tinged the top of the mountain with glory. dispelling the mists which had gathered there, while the base of the mountain was hidden by the blending of mist and snow.

"Every pine and fir and hemlock
Wore ermine too dear for an earl,
And the poorest twig on the elm tree
Was ridged inch deep with pearl."

One point in which men are generally inconsistent is their love of the strange and beautiful in distant countries, while they overlook the equally strange and beautiful in their own vicinity.

Within a radius of twenty miles of Middlebury are people as thoroughly out of touch with modern ideas of education and with the thoughts and doings of the world in general as were our great grandparents, and within a radius of one mile of our chapel grow at least twenty varieties of wild flowers, wonderful in their perfection and beauty, of which the average student knows not even the names. Our ignorance of the natural wonders and beauties of our own State is almost phenomenal. Living all the time in the midst of such glories, we pass them by unnoticed till we hear strangers speak of them or till "distance lends enchantment to the view."

What sufficient reason is there why we, while we are studying about old Greek tragedy and the geography of Italy in the time of Livy, should not get a definite idea of the geography, history, inhabitants and natural features of our own Green Mountain State?

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## TO A HAIR PIN.

O, thou golden-tinted toy,
Woman's Friend and Hope and Joy,
Fondly cherished with great care,
Safely nestled in the hair,
Tell to me in accents clear
All the things which thou dost hear.
Canst thou from thy throne above,
Feel the passionate streams of Love
Surging up from wells below,
Madly dashing, fast and slow?
Is thy mistress never sad?
Does she sing to thee when glad?
Are the thoughts that come and go,
(Thoughts as pure as fresh-fallen snow)
Centered on the one who fell
Fighting for the Cause, so well?
Is the heart within the breast
Anxious for the coming guest?
Waits she for the great command,
Yielding up both heart and hand?
Or in Love and Piety,
Waites she for Eternity?
Tell to me in accents clear,
All the things which thou dost hear.

MY GERMAN.

What is it gives me daily blues,
And gives my language lurid hues,
And bids me to invoke the muse?
My German.

What is it makes Prof. Eaton sw———,
And makes my roommate tear her hair,
While I am plunged in deep despair?
My German.

What is the cause of all my woes?
What robs my night of sweet repose,
And will condition me, I s'pose?
My German.

What makes me long for fairer climes,
And summer skies and better times,
When like a fate the old bell chimes?
My German.

What is it I wish far away,
Wish to have go and go to stay?
Perhaps 'tis wrong, but—"shall we say?"—
My German.

*Ninty-six.*

# Town and Campus.

College opened Jan. 4.

Prof. Howard was in New York Jan. 12–13.

Cady, '93, attended chapel exercises Jan. 13.

Pres. Brainerd passed part of the vacation in Boston.

Mr. Bristol of Fair Haven visited college Monday Jan. 29.

Scott, '95, gave a birthday party to a few friends Jan. 28.

Williamson, '96, sang at Burlington, Wednesday, Jan. 24.

Fullam, '95, was obliged to go home on account of sickness.

Prof. Wright preached at Weybridge Sunday morning, Jan. 28.

Miss Swiney, '96, and Davis, '96, returned to college Jan. 13.

The Juniors have commenced their practical work in chemistry.

Grant, '95, and Bridgham, '97, remained in town during vacation.

Miss Gordon, '97, was absent from college last week with sickness.

Prof. Eaton has recently moved into his new house south of the college.

Edgerton, '96, was obliged to return home on account of bad health.

The members of the Glee club have elected C. B. Toleman, '94, manager.

The Sophomores will make their first appearance on the chapel stage Feb. 3.

Dorsey, '95, attended the teachers' institute at Bristol, Friday and Saturday.

Prof. and Mrs. Hesselgrave, '93, of New Haven, were in town Saturday, Jan. 20.

A large number of the students took advantage of the skating on the river last week.

Miss Hurlburt, '97, was run into by a sled Saturday, Jan. 13, and quite badly hurt.

Chapman, '94, who, it was reported, had scarlet fever, is able to attend college again.

Miss Breckenridge, '95, visited Miss Dunshee, '93, Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 20 and 21.

President Brainerd attended the funeral of Geo. Z. Erwin of Potsdam, Friday, Jan. 19.

Mr. Perry of Johnstown, N. Y., has entered the Freshmen class, increasing the number to twenty.

On Dec. 20, Eldridge, '95, D. S. G. T., instituted the Abraham lodge, No. 51, I. O. G. T., at Lincoln.

Roscoe, '96, visited Goodman and Blossom, '96, during the holidays at their home in Granville, N. Y.

Vicker, '95, preached at Bridport Sunday, Jan. 28, Leonard, '95, the regular preacher, being in Burlington.

Ford C. Langworthy, '87, spent the holidays in town. He assists Prof. Atwater in chemistry at Wesleyan.

Wales, '96, remained in town during vacation. During a part of the time he assisted Prof. Boyce in surveying.

The officers of the boarding hall are the same as last term—Grant, '95, commissary, and Sargent, '94, treasurer.

At a class meeting held Jan. 13, the seniors elected for commencement committee Wells, Sargent and Toleman.

Prof. Harris has organized a dancing class in town, which meets every Friday evening in the old Y. M.

C. A. rooms. He has nearly thirty-five in the class and is making it a success. A large number of the students attend.

Mr. and Mrs Ware of Shelburne, Mass., visited their daughter, Miss Ware, '96, Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 20 and 21.

Miss Brainerd of St. Albans has been chosen preceptress of the High school to fill the vacancy caused by Miss Hawley's resignation.

The base ball team has elected Chas. A. Adams, '95, captain for the coming year. The boys are now hard at work in the gymnasium.

B. C. Miner, '93, was in town several days at the beginning of the term. He has a position as principal of the school at Essex, N. Y.

Thursday, Jan. 25, being day of prayer for colleges, services were held in the college chapel. Rev. E. J. Ranslow of Swanton presided.

A large number of new books has recently been added to the library. A list of these will appear in the next issue of the UNDERGRADUATE.

Friday evening, Jan. 19, the members of the Chi Psi fraternity, with ladies, were entertained by Russell, '96, at his home in New Haven.

Prentiss Hoyt, '89, principal of the Middlebury High school, read a paper on "Rhetorical Work" at the teachers' institute held at Bristol last week.

Miss Hartig, who has done considerable missionary work in the State, has been engaged by the Congregational church to work in the neighboring districts.

The entertainment given by the ladies of the Episcopal church, at the town hall last Tuesday evening, was a success. A number of the students took part.

During the week of prayer, services were held at the different churches on each evening of the week They were as a rule well attended and very interesting.

Mr. C. J. Bullock, who was principal of the local school for two years, was in town during the vacation. He is taking post-graduate studies at the University of Wisconsin.

The following clipped from the *Cynic* might possibly be said of Middlebury college: "The faculty are taking 'cuts' from chapel so freely that special work in this branch should be assigned to prevent failure in the final examination."

Prof. Wright has organized a Browning club with the following members: Misses Ritchie and King, '94; Brainerd, Steele, Heath, Verder, Ross and Merriam, '95; and Messrs. Toleman, '94, Adams and Cushman, '95 The first meeting was held with Prof. Wright, Saturday evening, Jan. 13.

The Y. P. S. C. E. of the Congregational church gave a very pleasant entertainment to a large crowd Friday evening, Jan. 19. The entertainment consisted mainly of tableaux taken from "Life" and concluded with a very amusing farce entitled, "Six Cups of Chocalate." A number of the students took part.

## College Notes.

Cornell offers a course in Russian language and literature.

The rule requiring church attendance has been dispensed with at Adelbert.

The Harvard Glee club traveled over 2000 miles during the Christmas vacation.

Dartmouth has a dramatic club which will present "The Rivals" during the season.

The University of Chicago cleared about $40,000 this summer by renting its dormitories to World's fair visitors.

The cap and gown will be worn by this year's Senior classes at Amherst, Dartmouth, Harvard, Princeton, Williams and Yale.

College dailies are now published at Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Cornell, Brown, University of Michigan and University of Wisconsin.

The faculty of I. U. have decided that three hours systematic gymnasium work shall count one hour credit on the books of the university.

The President of the University of Wisconsin has offered three prizes for the best three college songs written by a student of the university.

The Yale Glee club organization has offered two prizes of $15, one for the best words, and the second for the best music for a new Yale song.

Absences are not reported at the University of Chicago until the end of the year. A student having more than thirty is required to take one extra course for the next year.

The bluffs are steep and wild and high
That line St. Gothard's Pass,

But think of those awful, awful bluffs
That the Junior makes in class!
—*University Herald.*

Prof.—What is the composition of air?

Student.—Carbonic acid, watery vapor, ammonia and some foreign substance.

'Tis strange, to say the least,
In this advancing hour,
The *grinding* mill of college
Is still run by *horse*-hower.—[*Brunonian.*

Foot-ball in every form has been prohibited by the University at Heidelberg, Germany. They draw the line at dueling, and will allow nothing more dangerous.

"Darkabus nightibus
No lightorum
Climibus gatepost
Breechibus torum."
—*Enaichsee.*

An authority on pronunciation inquired in a severe tone, "How do you pronounce H a w a i i?" "Sandwich Islands," replied the intended victim unhesitatingly.—[*Exchange.*

Columbia won the intercollegiate chess tournament played in New York during the holidays. Columbia had a total of eight and a half wins; Harvard was second with 7; Yale third with 5; and Princeton last with 3½.

The annual catalogue of the Princeton Theological seminary, just issued, shows the largest number of students ever recorded by any divinity school in this country. Four fellows, nineteen graduate students and 209 in the regular classes, makes a total enrolment of 232.

Logic: "Now, Webster says, 'Buss' is '*to kiss*;' therefore, 'Rebuss' is to kiss again; that 'Buskin' is kissing your cousin; that 'Blunderbuss' is a kiss administered to the wrong person; that 'Omnibus' is kissing all the girls in the room, and that the fellow who does it is a regular 'Buster.'"—[*Ex.*

The faculty at Cornell has recently made some radical changes. Hereafter there will be no regular examinations. The student's knowledge of the subject will be determined by his daily recitations and by short unexpected quizzes. The Thanksgiving recess has been abolished; only the day itself will be observed.

Joseph Wiggin has been elected captain of the Harvard baseball nine to succeed Ben. Cook, Jr., who resigned last month. Wiggin's election is of a decided character, as he is said to have received an almost unanimous vote. His election will meet with general satisfaction among the student body, as he is universally l ked in college circles. He was graduated from college last year and is now in the law school.

A DECISION.

As a maid so nice,
With step precise
Tripped o'er the ice,
She slipped; her care in vain.
And at the fall,
With usual gall,
The school boys call
"Third down; two feet to gain."

The Dartmouth Glee club was the guest of the Haverhill club of Dartmouth at Haverhill, Mass., Wednesday night. The glee and banjo club gave a concert at the academy of music. When the concert was over a reception and dance were tendered the club by the local branch of the college fraternity at Tanner's Hall.

AN EPISODE.

They crossed the brook
In early May.
They crossed the brook,
One glance he took,
With laughter shook,
They crossed the brook
In early May.
—*Red and Blue.*

Two paper shells have just been ordered for the Yale crew by Manager McMilian. They are exactly the same pattern as last year's boats and will be ready for the Yale oarsmen about the middle of next April, when the men usually begin active work on the harbor. One of the boats will be used by the Freshmen and the other by the 'varsity eight.

After the happy Christmas dance,
I waited ere I turned to go,
And in the quiet, dim-lit hall,
I kissed her 'neath the mistletoe.

Next time I visited that house,
I paused not ere I turned to go,
Down the front steps I sped in haste
Before her father's missile-toe.

# Y. M. C. A. Notes.

Perry, '97, has recently been chosen organist.

Prayer meeting every Tuesday evening from 6:30 to 7.

During the week of prayer, meetings were held every morning in the different rooms of Starr hall.

Prof. Eaton attended the meeting Tuesday evening, Jan. 16, and gave a pleasant talk. It is much regretted that the members of the faculty are not present oftener.

By way of encouraging Y. M. C. A. work here in college, why would not a praise service once a month prove a source of good? It would undoubtedly induce more to attend the meeting.

There has been considerable religious activity at the association of the Illinois State University. Since the week of prayer, noon prayer meetings have been held daily, and with the most gratifying results. The results have been, several conversions and the awakening of the members to more active personal work. There are now twenty-four young men in the personal workers' class, and some of the young professors of the faculty are also interested in this work.—[*Young Men's Era.*

Mr. L. H. Roots of the international committe in a recent discussion on "what we owe our fellow-students," said in part: "We ought to help our fellow-students to help themselves, to teach them how to find and appropriate for themselves those things which will build up their own spiritual lives; that they may continue to grow spiritually, even after leaving college, just as they expect to continue growing intellectually. To this end all our meetings, Bible classes and missionary efforts should be conducted, not solely with a view to their immediate helpfulness, but remembering that their greater opportunity lies in imparting a thirst for future progress, and in teaching methods of self-development.

# Exchanges.

While looking over the exchange columns of the different college papers it appears that the editors only mention articles which are deserving of special praise. This of course is all right, but why not break away from this continuous puffing and criticise in a friendly way those articles which are not up to the standard.

The January number of the *Tuftonian* has an interesting article on Francis Parkman.

The average literary article in the *Cynic* is somewhat above that of its editorials.

MEMORIES.

How sweet are reminiscences!
'Tis pleasant to recall
The happy days of long ago,
When evening shadows fall.

Who is there who loves not to sit
And think upon the past,
And dream of friends and pleasures gone—
Alas, they're gone too fast.

The pleasant memories arise
And cheer the saddest hour;
But yet 'tis sad, because such dreams
Are like an April shower.

Too soon the dreamer wakes again,
Too soon the dream is o'er;
The present now must fill his time,
The past can be no more.

—*The Brunonian.*

We consider the T. C. A. Chronicle a fairly good high school paper.

An article entitled, "Use and Abuse of Notes" in recitation is very well treated in the last issue of the Polytechnic.

The Colby *Echo* has a very interesting article on post-graduate work in Germany.

The University *Herald* appears this month well supplied with college notes.

Mr. B. J. Lang, in his paper, "From Literature to Music", in the February Atlantic, thus expounds his theory of how a love of romance in literature may lead to a love of romance in music:—

It would seem that for us of this period Richard Wagner had opened up a mission for music whereby it more closely allies itself to the romantic in literature, and is less fixed in its own paths of independent absolute form. It is generally conceded that music, to be true to itself, should be the logical development of well-conceived themes, as well worked out and as shapefully and consistently interwoven as the materials used by an architect for an edifice. This might be in

the construction of a song or a symphony, the duet in an opera or the chorus in an oratorio. Although Wagner has turned away from rigid forms, and worked on lines that almost deny his music the right to stand quite alone, may he not, unwittingly, perhaps, and in the simplicity of his greatness, have hit upon a helpful path for those who have failed to recognize music as easily and naturally as others,—a path which leads the rather literary or the purely imaginative mind into a comprehension of what it might otherwise have missed?

Speaking of the poem of the Niebelungen Ring during its composition, Wagner said, "It presents this interesting and important myth in the form of a play, just as a fairy tale is given to a child; thus everything makes a plastic effect, and all is understood at once." What did he mean by this? He was treating of Wotan and Walhalla, of Rheingold and Rhine Daughters of the Walkyrie, of Niebelheim, the Twilight of the Gods, etc., in the fusion of materials taken from med æval German and Norse mythology into his four-evening drama, and he said, "It is like a child's fairy tale, easily understood at once"! "Easily understood at once" was musically speaking, perhaps. He made no doubt that the subject and matter of his libretto would quicken the reader's imagination abundantly. He then gave expression to his musical imagination, and this union produced the works for which he is so justly famous.

That Wagner was right is now not often questioned. Is it not reasonable to think that this union between romance in literature and romance in music is constantly bringing the latter into the lives of many to whom it was before unknown? Where music does not stand entirely by and for itself, but is the hand maiden and accessory of dignified literature, is it not possible that by such an alliance a way is opening through which one can enter the enchanted ground by a literary instead of a purely musical path?

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